



April 27, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to you on behalf of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men. We applaud your administration's establishment of the White House Council on Women and Girls. It is our belief that the issues in our society that are unique to issues of biological sex and gender roles are worthy of special attention.

The intent of this letter is to respectfully request that your administration examine the issues that are particular to men and boys in our society including but not limited to those involving health and mental health care, educational attainment status and the father/child connection. Information regarding these types of issues can be found on our website which houses our biennial reports at www.nh.gov/csm. Your consideration of establishing a White House Council on Men and Boys is both urged and appreciated.

We are hopeful that the visions you have begun to move forward with that promise greater equity to all people than previously realized in our great nation will include issues of gender equity as well. To this end, our Commission is looking forward to your response regarding this important issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Meyer, MSW, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Cc: The Honorable John Lynch, Governor